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PATSY WALKER
HEDY'S DATE BUREAU
WHO SAID YOU CAN'T MIX BUSINESS WITH PLEASURE?
"BAIT FOR A DATE!"
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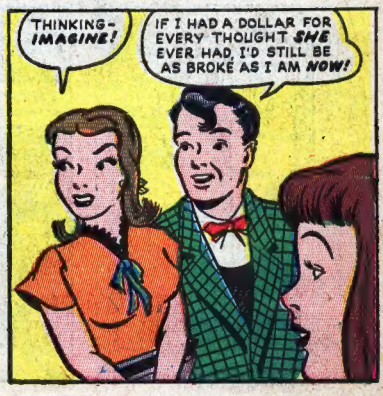
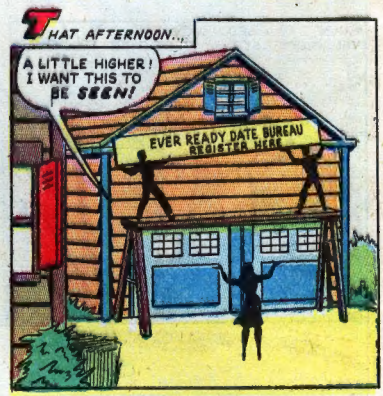
HI, HEDY!
S'MATTER, HEDY? CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE?
I'M THINKING!


THINKING- IMAGINE!
IF I HAD A DOLLAR FOR EVERY THOUGHT SHE EVER HAD, I'D STILL BE AS BROKE AS I AM NOW!

ARE YOU BROKE, BUZZ? WE'LL HAVE FUN TONIGHT ANYWAY!
ONLY I WANT TO TAKE YOU TO THE MOST EXPENSIVE BARN IN TOWN, PATSY!

HMMM...LET'S SEE... HOW CAN I GET A DATE WITH THAT HANDSOME MAN, BUZZ, WHEN PATSY'S GOT HIM TIED TO HER IN A HARD KNOT?

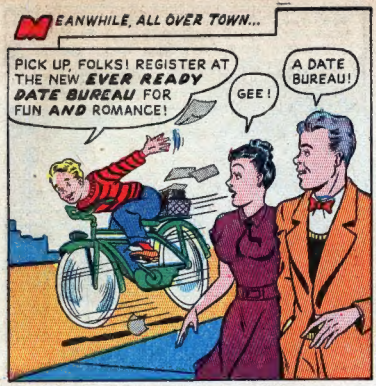
THERE OUGHT TO BE FREE-WHEELING IN THE DATE SITUATION AND-WOW! I THINK I'VE GOT IT!


THAT AFTERNOON...
A LITTLE HIGHER! I WANT THIS TO BE SEEN!
EVER READY DATE BUREAU REGISTER HERE

HI, HEDY! WHAT'S ROASTING?
I'M ORGANIZING A DATE BUREAU FOR LONELY HEARTS! WANT TO BE CO-PARTNER?

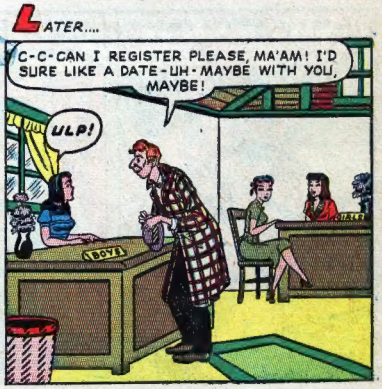
JUST THE CHAUFFEUR'S GUEST ROOM OVER MY FAMILY'S GARAGE, BUT I THINK IT'LL DO!
IT'S DIVINE, HEDY, BUT HOW DO WE START?

OH, ADVERTISING IS ALREADY UNDER WAY!
AND WAIT'LL MR. BUZZ BAXTER SAUNTERS IN!


MEANWHILE, ALL OVER TOWN...
PICK UP, FOLKS! REGISTER AT THE NEW EVER READY DATE BUREAU FOR FUN AND ROMANCE!
GEE!
A DATE BUREAU!

IN THE MEANTIME, MEET STICKY SWIRL, WHO'S HAPPY ABOUT THE WHOLE THING...
"DATES DON'T GROW ON TREES!" FOR ME THEY SURE DON'T- A DATE BUREAU! JUMPING JELLY BEANS!

MAYBE, I CAN GET A DATE WITH A GIRL, MAYBE! GEE, MY FIRST DATE!


LATER....
C-C-CAN I REGISTER PLEASE, MA'AM! I'D SURE LIKE A DATE-UH-MAYBE WITH YOU, MAYBE!
ULP!
BOYS

MAKE SURE I DON'T GET HIM TONIGHT, PATSY!
GEE WILLIKENS! IMAGINE! HE'S GETTING A MAD CRUSH ON HEDY!

NO, NO, NO! YOU DON'T GET A DATE WITH ME! WE PAY YOU FIVE DOLLARS TO ESCORT THE DATE WE PICK FOR YOU--- SEE?
ALL I CAN SEE IS YOU!

GOSH, I HOPE HEDY LIKES THAT BLUE AND CARROT COMBINATION!
NAME - STICKY SWIRL
WEIGHT - TALL
EYES - ROBINS EGG BLUE
HAIR - CARROT
SCHOOL - C
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BUT I DON'T WANT A DATE WITH ANYBODY ELSE-JUST YOU!
NO WONDER THEY CALL YOU "STICKY!" YOU'RE WORSE THAN GLUE!
AND, LATER ON HEDY FINDS OUT WHY THEY CALL HIM "STICKY!"
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A DATE WITH ME ALL THE TIMES, STICKY? HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK, HERE?
IT WOULDN'T BE WORKING AT ALL - BEING NEAR YOU, HEDY!
O.K., GET BUSY!
GULP! SURE, HEDY!
PLOP!
BOYS
IS BUZZ SHOWING UP OR ISN'T HE? DID HE SAY HE WAS BROKE OR DIDN'T HE!
MEANWHILE, BUZZ WRESTLES WITH THE DEMON OF CONSCIENCE..
"WANTED-RESPECTABLE YOUNG MEN!" I'M A RESPECTABLE YOUNG MAN, BUT AM I A GIGOLO?
YEP! FOR PATSY WALKER, I AM!
LATER...
HEY! HEDY! THAT FELLOW'S COMING UP!
OH! OH! PATSY, WOULD YOU GO DOWN AND GET SOME WATER FOR THE PLANTS-OUT THE BACK WAY!
WHY, CERTAINLY, HEDY!
BZZ
ZZZ
HEDY! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE RUNNING THIS RACKET!
THAT'S RIGHT, BUZZ! MY NEW BUSINESS VENTURE! WANT TO REGISTER?
DO ME A FAVOR AND DON'T TELL PATSY, WILL YOU? I NEED SOME YONKEE DOLLARS IN A BIG HURRY!
OH, OF COURSE, BUZZ DARLING!
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GEE, TWO CARDS! I'LL REGISTER FOR PATSY, TOO! THEN I'LL GET HER FOR A DATE, TONIGHT!
PSS-ST! PUT THIS WITH THE GIRLS' CARDS, WILL YOU STICKY? AND DON'T LET ANYBODY SEE YOU!
O.K.! I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING BUT HEDY ANYWAY!
SOME OF THEM CAN'T WAIT, I GUESS!
SAVES YOU A LOT OF MONEY ON TELEPHONE CALLS ANYWAY!
GOSH, HEDY REALLY MUST BE SPENDING GOBS! FIVE DOLLARS A MAN! I WONDER WHAT HER GAME IS?
YOU'RE TO CALL UP BUZZ BAXTER AND GIVE HIM THIS ADDRESS TO GO TO TONIGHT! NOW DON'T FORGET, STICKY!
I DON'T FORGET ANYTHING YOU SAY, HEDY!
MY GOSH! IT'S HEDY'S ADDRESS! I CAN'T LET ANYBODY ELSE GO OUT WITH HEDY!
EENIE-MEENIE-MEINIE-MO! ANY OTHER GIRL BUT HEDY! AH! I GOT ONE!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE BUSY! DIDN'T WE HAVE A DATE FOR TONIGHT!
VEAH, BUT SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TURNED UP, PATSY! UH, I CAN EXPLAIN!
NOW I'VE RUINED EVERYTHING! -AND PATSY BETTER NOT SEE ME TONIGHT WITH THE GIRL THE DATE BUREAU PICKS OUT-OR ELSE!
CLICK!
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HELLO, BUZZ BAXTER? EVER READY DATE BUREAU CALLING! YOU'RE TO BE AT 165 OAK STREET AT SEVEN THIRTY!
165 OAK STREET? YOWEE!
AND I'LL ESCORT HEDY TONIGHT! I HOPE SHE WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED! S'POSE SHE REALLY LIKES THAT GUY BUZZ?
IT WAS A LOT OF WORK, HEDY, BUT YOU GOT HIM! WHEN YOU HEAR THE MUSICAL CHIMES--
--IT'LL BE MR. BUZZ BAXTER, THE MOST GORGEOUS HUNK OF MAN IN TOWN!
DANG!
LING!
DING!
STICKY SWIRL!
OH, H'LO...
AND NEVER DARKEN MY DOOR AGAIN--EVEN MY GARAGE DOOR!
B-B-BUT GEE WHIZ!
GEE, I'M GLAD YOU UNDERSTAND, PATSY! NOW WE CAN GO TO THE GARDENIA ROOM ON THAT EXTRA FIVE BUCKS!
YOU GIVE THAT MONEY RIGHT BACK TO HEDY, BUZZ! NOBODY'S GOING TO PAY YOU TO GO OUT WITH ME! LET'S GO TO A MOVIE!
DATE BUREAU, PHOOEY! NEXT TIME I'LL TRY KIDNAPING!
THE END
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Captain Tootsie

TRAPS KILLER BEAR WITH INVISIBLE LIGHT

CAPTAIN TOOTSIE AND THE SECRET LEGION ARE CAMPING IN THE MOUNTAINS.

HOWDY THAR, FOLKS!

WH-WHO ARE YOU?

GOSH, LOOK AT THAT DANDY COON TAIL HE'S WEARING!

'COON TAIL CHARLIE'S M'NAME, BOYS! JEST DROPPED BY TA WARN YE THAR'S A KILLER BEAR LOOSE IN THESE PARTS! BETTER BE KEERFUL!

WE'LL BE ON THE WATCH FOR HIM, 'COON TAIL CHARLIE! THANKS FOR THE WARNING!

SUDDENLY...

HELP! EEEEK!

A CALL FOR HELP! IT'S FROM THE GIRLS' CAMP ACROSS THE LAKE!

MAYBE THE KILLER BEAR'S AFTER 'EM!

WE'LL NEED LOTS OF QUICK ENERGY TO ROW ACROSS THE LAKE! HERE EVERYBODY EAT A TOOTSIE ROLL! AND ROLLO, FETCH MY SNIPERSCOPE FROM THE TENT!

OK, CAPTAIN TOOTSIE!

BY DAD! THEM THAR TOOTSIE ROLLS SURE PUT STEAM INTA YER MUSCLES, DON'T THEY? I'M READY TA TAKE ON THAT KILLER BEAR SINGLE-HANDED!

SCREECH! EEK!

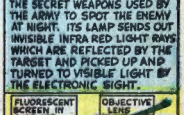
WOW! LISTEN TO EXCITEMENT!

OH, WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'VE COME! THE KILLER BEAR JUST RAIDED OUR SUPPLIES WHILE WE WERE ASLEEP!

WE'RE SCARED! IT'S SO DARK!

DON'T WORRY, MA'AM! WE'LL GET THAT BEAR WITH OUR SNIPERSCOPE!

THE SNIPERSCOPE WAS ONE OF THE SECRET WEAPONS USED BY THE ARMY TO SPOT THE ENEMY AT NIGHT. ITS LAMP SENDS OUT INVISIBLE INFRA RED LIGHT RAYS WHICH ARE REFLECTED BY THE TARGET AND PICKED UP AND TURNED TO VISIBLE LIGHT BY THE ELECTRONIC SIGHT.



HERE'S HIS TRACKS! HE'S CLOSE BEHIND HIM!

I HEAR HIM UP AHEAD!

SNARL! GROWL!

SNAP!

CRASH!

I SEE HIM! THERE HE GOES!

WHAT CAPTAIN TOOTSIE SEES

LATER...

BY DAD! I NEVER SEED THE LIKES OF IT— SHOOTIN' BEARS AT NIGHT!

AFTER THAT EXCITEMENT, FOLKS, ANOTHER ROUND OF TOOTSIE ROLLS OUGHT TO HIT THE SPOT! COME AND GET 'EM!

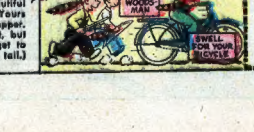
'COON TAIL CHARLIE SAYS! — LOTS OF FUN, KIDS!

GET THIS GENUINE 'COON TAIL JUST LIKE I WEAR!

FOR ONLY 15¢ AND A TOOTSIE ROLL WRAPPER

SEND IN THE COUPON TODAY!

Gosh, you'll be some punkins when you get this handsome genuine 'coon tail for your own. What fun to wear it on your cap like 'Coon-Tail Charlie and other famous trappers and explorers. It's a great big fluffy tail of richly striped fur! Looks swell on your bike, wagon or scooter or hanging in your room. And girls, you'll love the smart swing of this beautiful fur tail fastened to your sweater or coat. Yours for only 15¢ and a Tootsie Roll wrapper. RUSH! Send for as many as you want, but quick—before they're gone! (Don't forget to send 15¢ and a wrapper for each 'coon tail.)



TOOTSIE ROLLS
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I'll get a big kick out of that 'Coon Tail. I enclose 15¢ and a Tootsie Roll wrapper for each one. Rush today!

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PATSY WALKER
IN "BATS ABOUT HATS!"
OH!
OH!
WE'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THE EXPLOSION COMES!
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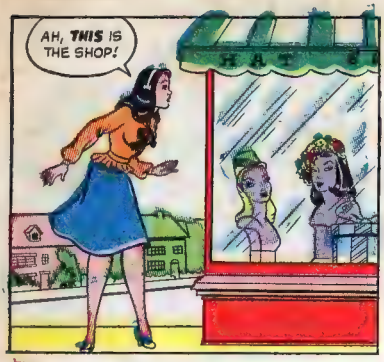
ON HIS DAY OFF FROM WORK, WE FIND BUZZ ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SODA FOUNTAIN WAITING WITH NANCY FOR PATSY...
I WONDER WHERE PATSY IS!
BE PATIENT, BUZZ, SHE'LL BE ALONG! SHE'S BEEN SHOPPING!
SUDDENLY...
NANCY! BUZZ! WAIT'LL I TELL YOU!
HERE SHE COMES NOW— ALL EXCITED!
WONDER WHAT'S UP!

NANCY, I JUST SAW THE DARLINGEST HAT AT SMITHSON'S SHOPPE! I'LL BE ABLE TO GET IT JUST IN TIME FOR TOMORROW NIGHT'S DANCE! THEY'RE SAVING ONE FOR ME!
TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT!
OH, BROTHER!
BUZZ, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
FOR A WALK! I WAIT ALL AFTERNOON FOR YOU TO SHOW UP, AND THEN YOU COME AROUND TALKING ABOUT HATS!
HUMPH, JUST LIKE A MAN!
'BYE, BUZZ! OH, NANCY, IT'S SO SMALL, AND ROUND, AND CUTE, BEAUTIFULLY TRIMMED WITH FLOWERS, AND...
MM-MMM! SOUNDS SUPER!
HELLO, LITTLE ONES, AM I INTRUDING?
DO YOU EVER DO ANYTHING BUT INTRUDE? A FINE THING— BUZZ LEAVES AND YOU REPLACE HIM!
OH, HELLO, HEDY! I WAS JUST TELLING NANCY ABOUT THE NEW HAT I'M GOING TO GET FOR TOMORROW'S DANCE!
REALLY? TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT— I'M ALL EARS!
YOU'RE NOT KIDDING!
AND FIVE MINUTES AND MILLIONS OF WORDS LATER...
AND THAT'S IT! DOESN'T IT SOUND CATASTROPHIC?
OH—OH! I DON'T LIKE THAT LOOK ON HEDY'S FACE!
INDEED IT DOES! HMMM...
WELL, TA, TA, CHICKEN! I'VE GOT TO RUN NOW!
NO ONE'S STOPPING YOU!
GO LONG, HEDY!

Uh-oh, looks like Hedy is up to something...



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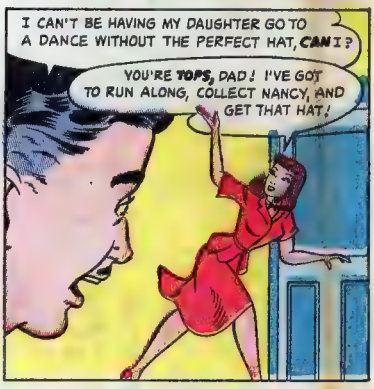
I CAN'T BE HAVING MY DAUGHTER GO TO A DANCE WITHOUT THE PERFECT HAT, CAN I?
YOU'RE TOPS, DAD! I'VE GOT TO RUN ALONG, COLLECT NANCY, AND GET THAT HAT!

And, on the way from the store...

THAT HAT— WH-WHERE DID YOU GET IT?
OH, HEDY WOLFE GAVE IT TO ME AS A PRESENT! AWFULLY SWEET OF HER, WASN'T IT? ARE YOU GOING TO THE DANCE?
OH, YES, AWFULLY SWEET!

AND SO, WE FIND OUR HEROINE AND HER DATE ARRIVING AT THE DANCE...

GOLLY, PATSY! WHY DO YOU LOOK SO BLUE? WHAT'S WRONG?

OH, BUZZ, IT'S A LONG STORY! YOU SEE--

BENEFIT DANCE

HEDY FOUND OUT ABOUT MY HAT AND GAVE ONE JUST LIKE IT TO MOST OF THE OTHER GIRLS SO NO ONE WOULD NOTICE MINE!

WHAT A MEAN TRICK!

HELLO, DEAR! MY, YOUR HAT'S SO POPULAR!

THANKS TO YOU— YOU VIPER!

EVERYONE'S WEARING ONE!

MEET HELEN LEWIS, FASHION EDITOR OF THE CENTERVILLE STAR, PATSY'S HOME TOWN PAPER...

THAT HAT CERTAINLY IS POPULAR! THIS'LL MAKE AN INTERESTING ITEM FOR MY COLUMN!

WELL, LET'S NOT WORRY ABOUT THE HAT, BUZZ! WE'LL HAVE A GOOD TIME ANYWAY!

ATTA GIRL, PATSY!

THE FOLLOWING DAY, HELEN LEWIS GETS BUSY ON AN INTERVIEW AT THE HAT SHOP...

AND WHO WAS THE FIRST GIRL TO BUY THAT NEW HAT?

A MISS PATSY WALKER! SHE WAS SO THRILLED BY IT, SHE ASKED ME TO SAVE HER ONE FOR A DANCE!

AND SOMETIME LATER, AFTER THE FIRST EDITION OF THE STAR HITS THE NEWSSTANDS...

WELL, HEDY, YOUR VICIOUS LITTLE SCHEME BACKFIRED, DIDN'T IT?

PATSY GOT ATTENTION BECAUSE OF HER HAT AFTER ALL!

OH, DEAR, I'M SO THRILLED I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY!

HUMPH!

THAT'S MY GIRL!

CENTERVILLE

LOCAL GIRL STARTS NEW HAT FAD

BECAUSE PATSY WALKER WAS THE FIRST GIRL IN TOWN TO BUY AND POPULARIZE THEIR NEW HAT, THE MANUFACTURERS HAVE ELECTED HER "THE HAT QUEEN OF THE MONTH" AND PRESENTED HER WITH 12 OF THEIR LATEST, EXCLUSIVE MODELS! CONGRATULATIONS, HAT QUEEN WALKER!

THE END

MARGIE
I SIMPLY CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! NOT A SINGLE FELLOW HAS CALLED ON ME ALL EVENING!
"STEALING MARGIE'S MEN!"
MARGIE HAS MUMPS
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MSW
ISN'T IT JUST POSITIVELY THRILLING, ROBBIE?
ISN'T WHAT POSITIVELY THRILLING?
MY COUSIN DOLORES IS GOING TO VISIT US TODAY! I HAVEN'T SEEN HER SINCE WE WERE KIDS!
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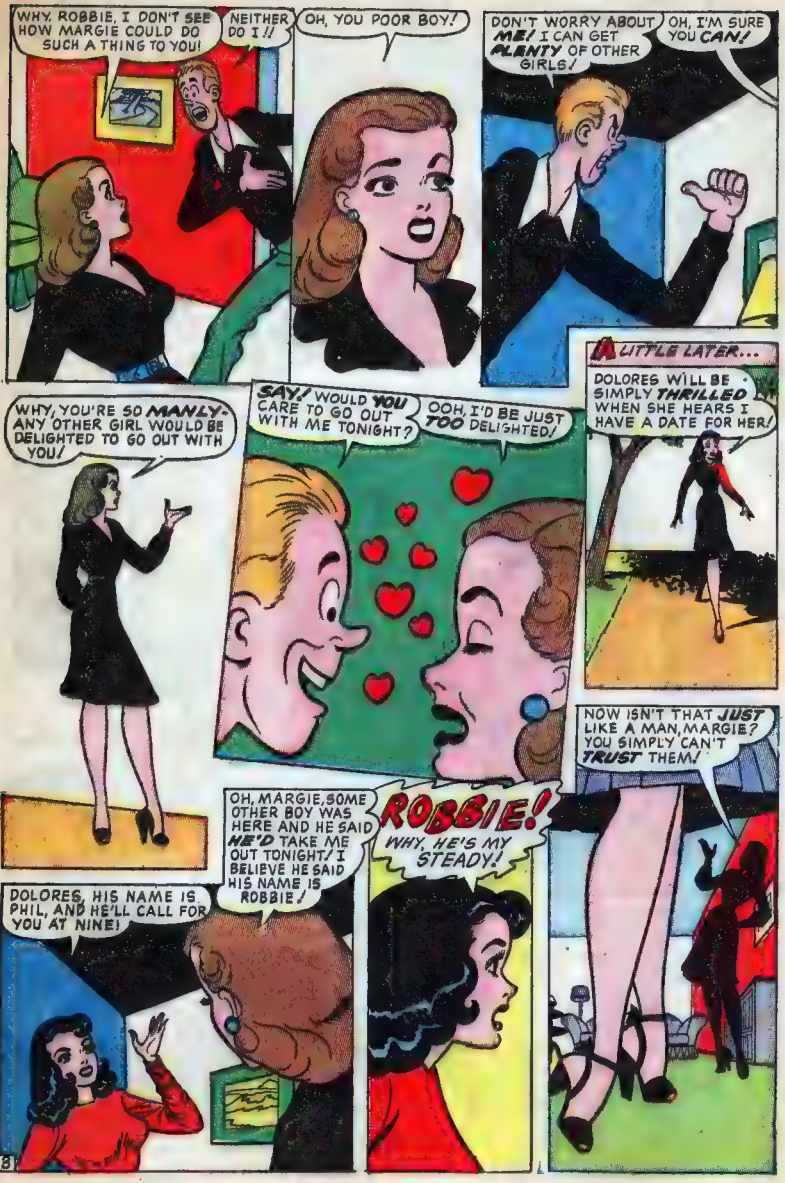
DOLORES! YOU'RE HERE!
MARGIE!
HOW WONDERFUL TO SEE YOU, MARGIE!
I'M JUST THRILLED TO DEATH!
YOU STAY RIGHT HERE, DOLORES/I'LL BE BACK IN JIG TIME!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, MARGIE?
I HAVE A DATE TONIGHT AND I'M GOING TO GET ONE FOR YOU!
5 MINUTES LATER...
HI, POISON, IS MARGIE WITHIN?
NOPE, SHE'S WITHOUT BUT OUR COUSIN'S HERE!
HOW SOON WILL MARGIE BE BACK? I WANT TO KNOW WHAT TIME TO CALL FOR HER! WE HAVE A DATE TONIGHT!
I BELIEVE MARGIE TOLD ME SHE WAS GOING TO BREAK THE DATE WITH YOU TO GO OUT WITH SOME OTHER FELLOW!
WHAT?
HI'YA, CHARACTER I'M ROBBIE!
HELLO, I'M DOLORES
HE'S CUTE!


WHY, ROBBIE, I DON'T SEE HOW MARGIE COULD DO SUCH A THING TO YOU!
NEITHER DO I!!
OH, YOU POOR BOY!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! I CAN GET PLENTY OF OTHER GIRLS!
OH, I'M SURE YOU CAN!
A LITTLE LATER...
DOLORES WILL BE SIMPLY THRILLED WHEN SHE HEARS I HAVE A DATE FOR HER!
WHY, YOU'RE SO MANLY- ANY OTHER GIRL WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO GO OUT WITH YOU!
SAY! WOULD YOU CARE TO GO OUT WITH ME TONIGHT?
OOH, I'D BE JUST TOO DELIGHTED!
NOW ISN'T THAT JUST LIKE A MAN, MARGIE? YOU SIMPLY CAN'T TRUST THEM!
OH, MARGIE, SOME OTHER BOY WAS HERE AND HE SAID HE'D TAKE ME OUT TONIGHT/ I BELIEVE HE SAID HIS NAME IS ROBBIE!
ROBBIE!
WHY, HE'S MY STEADY!
DOLORES, HIS NAME IS PHIL, AND HE'LL CALL FOR YOU AT NINE!

THE NERVE! THE GALL!
DON'T FRET, MARGIE! NO MAN IS WORTH IT!
WELL, I'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! I'LL GO OUT WITH SOMEONE ELSE!
DOLORES, WILL YOU PLEASE CALL PHIL FORREST--HIS NUMBER IS ACADEMY 7-0003 AND TELL HIM YOU'RE DATED TONIGHT AND I'LL GO OUT WITH HIM! RIGHT NOW I WANT TO DO SOMETHING!
SURE, MARGIE!
OH, THERE YOU ARE!
MARGIE!
OOH, I'LL NEVER SPEAK TO ROBBIE AGAIN AS LONG AS I LIVE, NOW WAIT UNTIL I FIND HIM!
HELLO, PHIL, THIS IS MARGIE'S COUSIN, DOLORES!
HOLY COW!
SO I COULDN'T POSSIBLY SEE YOU TONIGHT, AND MARGIE HAS A DATE, OF COURSE!
CAD!
WHAM!
DON'T YOU DARE TRY TO SPEAK TO ME! WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO SAY FOR YOURSELF?
NOTHING! I DON'T EVER WANT TO TALK TO YOU!
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WELL, I SURE GAVE ROBBIE A PIECE OF MY MIND AND THEN SOME!
GOOD FOR YOU, MARGIE!
DID YOU CALL PHIL FORREST, DOLORES?
YES, MARGIE, BUT HE SAID HE COULDN'T POSSIBLY TAKE YOU OUT TONIGHT!
JEEPERS! THAT MEANS I'M DATELESS TONIGHT!
DON'T WORRY, MARGIE! MEN AREN'T IMPORTANT!
OOH, THE TELEPHONE!
R-R-RING
WHY, ROGER, HOW GOOD TO HEAR FROM YOU! HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE ME DANCING TONIGHT?
NOT TONIGHT, MARGIE, BUT I HEAR YOU HAVE A COUSIN THAT'S SOLID! WHEN CAN I MEET HER?
GOOD-BY!
BAM!
POISON, TELL HER I'M HERE, AND I DON'T MEAN MARGIE!
?
HOW COULD SHE DO SUCH A THING TO ME?
HOW COULD WHO DO WHAT?
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DOLORES! SHE TOOK MY OWN DEAR, SWEET ROBBIE AWAY FROM ME... THEY JUST LEFT!
WAIT'LL HER BOY FRIEND IN NEW ROCHELLE HEARS ABOUT IT!
SHE HAS A BOY FRIEND?
SURE! HIS NAME IS JACK JACKSON!
DADDY, YOU'RE A SWEETHEART! NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO GET ROBBIE BACK AGAIN!
LONG DISTANCE? I WANT THE NUMBER OF JACK JACKSON IN NEW ROCHELLE!
A COUPLE OF HOURS LATER...
JACK!
SO! YOU'RE SURPRISED TO SEE ME WAITING FOR YOU OUTSIDE OF MARGIE'S HOUSE!
OBOY, HE PUNCHED ROBBIE RIGHT IN THE EYE!
JEEPERS! NOW ROBBIE WILL BE MINE FOREVER!
BAM
THE NEXT MORNING...
ROBBIE!
HI, MARGIE, WANNA GO FOR A WALK?
GET OUT! NEVER SPEAK TO ME AGAIN!
THAT'S WOMEN!
THE END
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HEY LOOK!
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HEY! LOOKS LIKE IT'LL RAIN!
IF WE'RE GOING OUT, WE'D BETTER WEAR OUR RAIN-COATS!
LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO COME DOWN ANY MINUTE!
HERE IT COMES!
I'M GONNA PULL MY COLLAR UP!
BETTER NOT!
I'M KEEPING IT UP!
BETTER NOT!
NO REASON WHY I SHOULDN'T KEEP IT UP!
BETTER NOT!
WHY SHOULDN'T -- GLUG!!
BETTER NOT!
GLUG!
I TOLD YOU YOU'D BETTER NOT! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK WITH A RESPIRATOR!
THE END

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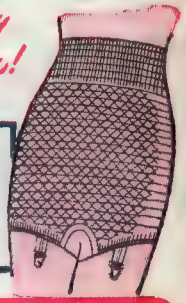

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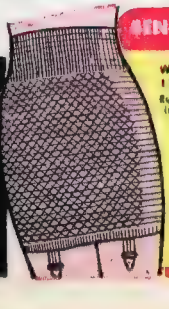

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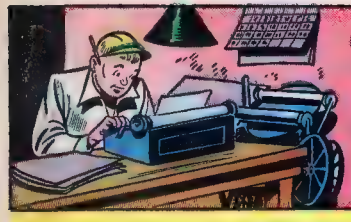


THE PURPLE SHEET BOYS

TED gave the ditto machine a slow last turn, and the final sheet of *High School Patter* rolled out—wet and purple. "That does it!" he shouted. "We've just finished the first issue of our brainstorm, our gossip sheet, our high school patter!"

Paul looked worried. "If this doesn't sell, we'll have to latch onto a job but quick. My family keeps dunning me about the money I owe them. Do you know I'm in debt up to my crew hair cut?"

"Ditto. My Dad's got the hooks out for my allowance for all of next year."

The boys gathered up the wet sheets and took a look-see. Paul read the headlines, "Ann has been seeing Al King for three Sats in a row. Is Colby getting the brush-off?"

"Colby's not gonna like that. He's gonna be mad," Ted sing-songed.

"Yeah, but he's got it coming. Bragging about all the girls he dates and all the quick coin he's got!"

Ted and Paul stacked the sheets in neat piles. Their plan was to sell them on the high school steps every Friday after school for the staggering amount of five cents. If all the five hundred sheets sold for five Fridays, they'd make a profit. If they didn't sell—it would be jobs for both of them—grocery clerks or bus boys.

Friday arrived, warm and sunny, and they sighed with relief. The first hurdle was hurdled. The weather was with them. All day both boys saw no one, heard no one, spoke to no one. Their minds were on the two piles of purple paper for five cents apiece. It was make or break—success or jobs.

At three o'clock they stationed themselves on the high school steps, ready for the kill.

"Step right up, lads and lassies—here's the latest news about Franklin High. Only five cents apiece—one half of a dime—one twentieth of a buck," Ted shouted as he waved the purple sheets before the noses of high school students. "Step right up!"

Crowds gathered, and soon Paul's and Ted's pockets were bulging with nickels. In fifteen minutes the last copy was sold. The two boys grinned—then let out a war whoop. "Success—we made it!" they shouted at the gloomy faces of Franklin High students.

No one seemed too happy about the situation as he read the gossip about himself. Everyone wandered off with a long face.

Colby, the fast-talker with the big allowance, edged up to them. "Smart alecks, huh?" he cracked. "What's the idea saying Ann's giving me the brush-off?"

"Can't you take it?" Ted returned. "Quit being a gloom loon!"

"Gloom loon, am I?" Colby's fists were up. "First you make fun of me, then . . ."

"Oh, don't be a creep, Colby." Ann took his arm. "It's only high school patter."

Paul grinned. "Sure—all's fair in love and the press."

Colby relaxed a little, but kept on ranting. "I'll crack you for this, both of you! I'll . . ."

"What can *you* do? What?" both boys asked scornfully, but they looked scared. They knew Colby *could* do something. He had a big allowance, and he'd make it talk.

"Oh, come on!" Ann said irritably as she pulled Colby's arm.

"I'll go, but I'm not through—not by a long shot!" Colby threw at them as he let Ann pull him along.

Ted and Paul wandered off. The pockets full of nickels didn't cheer them as they remembered Colby's threat.

"Are you game for another issue?" Ted asked.

"Cert! That false face doesn't scare me. We go to press on Thursday night with more news—and more headlines on Colby!"

Saturday night Ted and Paul primed themselves

for an evening of snooping. They slid up to Pop's Sweet Shop armed with notebooks and pencils. But their happy faces soon became unhappy when they found an empty shop. "What's cooking, Pop?" Paul called. "Where's the gang?"

"Dunno," Pop answered. "Is there an epidemic? No boys and girls tonight. Don't they like my place any more?" Pop looked at them sadly.

Ted and Paul looked sad, too, as they felt their stomachs sink. They both knew what the epidemic was. Colby was the epidemic! He had led the high school gang into hiding. "It's a dirty trick—a low-down dirty trick," Paul moaned.

"They can't face it, that's what," Ted dittoed. "They've run out."

"Colby's led the gang to another end of town," they both mumbled as they shuffled out of Pop's with empty notebooks. Both knew they'd stay empty until a truce was called. Every Franklin High student was backing Colby. They didn't intend to haunt Pop's or any other place until the burial of the purple *High School Patter*.

"Should we look for a job tonight?" Ted asked mournfully.

"Might as well. This first issue put us in the hole but good. We've got to latch onto some quick coin fast, or our names are mud!"

"Let's go," Ted said. "I know a place on the west end of town that's always short of bus boys on Saturdays. It's called the Rendezvous. Caters to older people. Mother and Dad go there often."

"Okay, let's get on our horses," Paul answered. "Maybe we can make enough to pay off the mortgage for this issue. In the meantime we've got some tall snooping to do. We've got to find out the new haunts of the Franklin High gang. We've got to track down Colby."

"Reet! Never say die—but it's still a dirty trick!"

In two minutes flat Ted and Paul made arrangements at the back entrance of the Rendezvous. In another two minutes they were in bus boy outfits ready to serve Mr. and Mrs. of the city of Franklin. They'd figured that five Saturdays would do it. Five Saturdays would pay for the paper and the ditto machine—five long Saturdays of bus-boy-ing!

"Let's go," Ted said as he straightened the towel on his arm.

"Let's go," Paul answered and grinned as he swung the door open.

They pushed through—ready to clear tables, fill water glasses, carry trays. But as they saw the sight before them, both looked like marble statues standing in the doorway. The Rendezvous was noisy and clamoring with high school students. Some sipped cokes; some had plates of sandwiches before them; some were gathered around the juke box. The Rendezvous had been taken over by the boys and girls of Franklin High.

"Do you see what I see?" Ted asked incredulously as he held the door open.

"I see, but good! We've found them! Come on—let's go!"

Ted and Paul walked to the assigned tables and began to brush off tablecloths. With solemn looks on their faces, they filled water glasses and cleared tables.

Ten minutes went by before anyone noticed them. Then Ann shrieked, "Colby, they've found us! It's Ted and Paul. The purple sheet boys!"

The music stopped, dancers stood immobile, coke glasses were poised half-way to high school mouths as the gang looked at them unbelievingly.

For a frozen moment action stopped, and everyone stared at Ted and Paul, who were calmly going about their business.

Colby hauled a large white handkerchief out of his breast pocket and waved it slowly in the air.

Ted nudged Paul, and they walked over. "Surrender?" Ted asked.

"Uh-uh—not yet," Colby answered. "I'll buy you out for fifty dollars."

"Come on, Paul. It's blackmail," Ted said, and they turned to go. "This country has a free press."

Ann asked sweetly, "How did you find us? How did you know we were here?"

Paul talked fast. "Good reporters have good noses."

"Yeah," Ted dittoed.

Ann was smiling as she climbed up on the table and waved her arms to the crowd. "I vote we give the *High School Patter* and the purple sheet boys a vote of confidence. Franklin High needs a shaking up. I can take it, can you?"

"Aye—aye," was the noisy answer. "We want more—we want the purple sheet boys!"

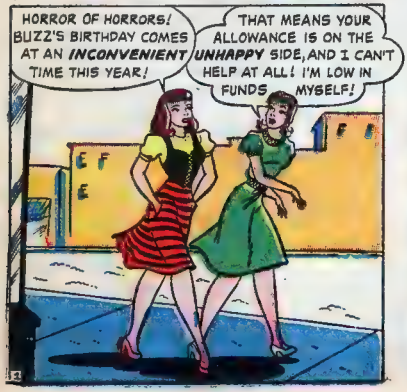
"What about me?" Colby waved his arms and called weakly.

But no one looked at him as he paid the check and left the Rendezvous minus a week's allowance.

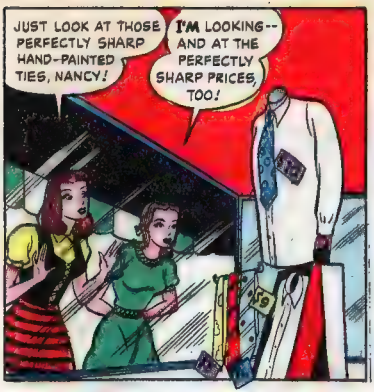
THE END

PATSY WALKER

IN "CAN YOU TIE THAT?"


HORROR OF HORRORS! BUZZ'S BIRTHDAY COMES AT AN INCONVENIENT TIME THIS YEAR!
THAT MEANS YOUR ALLOWANCE IS ON THE UNHAPPY SIDE, AND I CAN'T HELP AT ALL! I'M LOW IN FUNDS MYSELF!

JUST THINK--HIS MOTHER IS HAVING A SURPRISE PARTY FOR HIM, TOO! LET'S LOOK IN THIS WINDOW--MAYBE WE'LL GET AN IDEA!
YOU WOULD PICK THE MOST EXPENSIVE PLACE IN TOWN! THE ONLY IDEAS WE'D GET WOULD BE UNLAWFUL!
TIES
HAND-PAINTED TIES


JUST LOOK AT THOSE PERFECTLY SHARP HAND-PAINTED TIES, NANCY!
I'M LOOKING-- AND AT THE PERFECTLY SHARP PRICES, TOO!

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? I SIMPLY CAN'T GO TO THAT PARTY EMPTY HANDED!
I CERTAINLY DO SYMPATHIZE! EVERYONE IS INVITED-- INCLUDING HEDY!

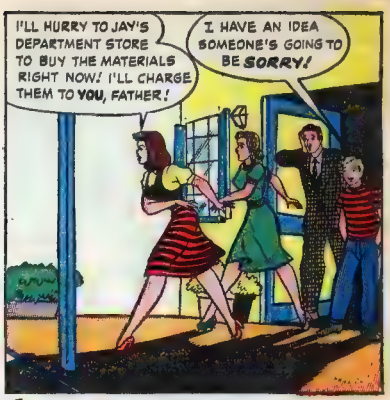
DID I HEAR SOMEONE MENTION MY NAME?
WHY, HEDY, YOU CERTAINLY TURN UP IN THE MOST UNEXPECTED PLACES!

I'LL BET YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHAT I HAVE IN THIS PACKAGE! JUST TRY! TRY TO GUESS!
I GIVE UP, HEDY! I REALLY CAN'T IMAGINE!
GAMES, NOW!

IT JUST HAPPENS TO BE THE MOST DIVINE HAND-PAINTED TIE! AND IT'S FOR BUZZ! TOO-DE-LOO, STARTLED ONES!

COME ON, NANCY! I'LL JUST HAVE TO CONVINCE MY FATHER THAT THESE ARE SERIOUS TIMES! I MUST HAVE SOME MONEY!

LATER, AT THE WALKER HOME...
BUT, PLEASE, FATHER, PLEASE! DON'T YOU REMEMBER WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG?
I MOST CERTAINLY DO! AND I ASSURE YOU I DIDN'T KEEP PESTERING MY FATHER EVERY TIME I NEEDED SOME MONEY!
BUT THIS IS CRUCIAL! IT'S BUZZ' BIRTHDAY AND HEDY BOUGHT HIM A HAND-PAINTED TIE AND--
STANLEY, I DON'T THINK YOU'RE TAKING A KINDLY ATTITUDE! AREN'T THESE FLOWERS LOVELY?
MOTHER, YOU'RE AN ANGEL!
NOW, JUST ONE MINUTE BEFORE YOU JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS!. THIS TIME I'M FIRM! IF PATSY WANTS TO GIVE BUZZ A HAND-PAINTED TIE, LET HER MAKE HIM ONE!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT, POP!
THAT'S A MAGNIFICENT IDEA! SOMETHING UNUSUAL AND REALLY PERSONAL!
THERE, YOU SEE! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS PUT FORTH YOUR OWN TALENTS! THAT'S WHAT MAKES THIS COUNTRY GREAT!
BUT IT WILL COST MONEY TO BUY THE MATERIALS!
WHY, DEAR, YOUR FATHER WILL BE DELIGHTED TO PAY FOR THEM! . .
HUH? WHAT?


I'LL HURRY TO JAY'S DEPARTMENT STORE TO BUY THE MATERIALS RIGHT NOW! I'LL CHARGE THEM TO YOU, FATHER!
I HAVE AN IDEA SOMEONE'S GOING TO BE SORRY!

AND AT JAY'S DEPARTMENT STORE...

DID YOU SAY FIVE DOLLARS?
THAT'S RIGHT! ALL THE MATERIAL AND INSTRUCTIONS ARE RIGHT IN HERE! BE SURE TO FOLLOW THEM CAREFULLY!
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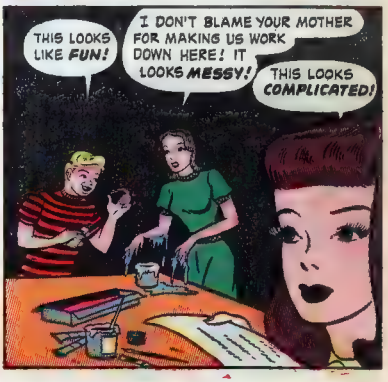
LATER, IN THE WALKER BASEMENT...



STILL LATER...

OH, THE BEAUTIFUL TIE--AFTER ALL MY HARD WORK!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE TIE NOW! YOU'D BETTER WASH THE PAINT OFF YOUR FACE! THAT STUFF MAY NOT BE EASY TO GET OFF!

A COUPLE OF DAYS LATER...

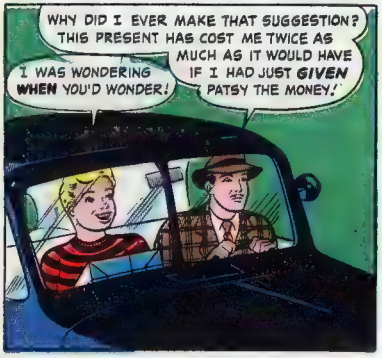
I--I-- CAN'T EXPLAIN, BUZZ!
OH, COME ON, BUZZY! DON'T YOU KNOW WHEN A GIRL'S GIVING YOU A GENTLE BRUSH OFF!
ALL RIGHT, PATSY! IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT IT, PATSY!

OHHH, I'M MISERABLE, JUST MISERABLE!
YOU'LL BE MORE MISERABLE! WHEN YOU HEAR THAT JAY'S HASN'T RECEIVED THE SHIPMENT OF HAND PAINTED TIE MATERIALS!

DRY YOUR TEARS, PATSY! THE PAINT WILL BE OFF YOUR FACE IN TIME FOR THE PARTY! AND YOUR FATHER'S DRIVING OVER TO FAIRVIEW FOR THE MATERIALS YOU NEED!
I AM?

NEXT DAY...

SOME TIME LATER, ON THE WAY BACK FROM WOODSTON...


WHY DID I EVER MAKE THAT SUGGESTION? THIS PRESENT HAS COST ME TWICE AS MUCH AS IT WOULD HAVE IF I HAD JUST GIVEN PATSY THE MONEY.
I WAS WONDERING WHEN YOU'D WONDER!

AND ON THE NIGHT OF THE PARTY...

GO AHEAD, PATSY! I'LL HURRY OVER WITH IT AS SOON AS IT'S DRY!
I HOPE IT WON'T TAKE TOO LONG, NANCY!
AND AT THE PARTY...
HI, PATSY! DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE COMING!
NEITHER DID I!
HELLO, PATSY!
IF IT ISN'T PATSY! LOOKS LIKE SHE'S FORGOTTEN IT'S A BIRTHDAY PARTY!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BUZZ! YOUR PRESENT-- THAT IS--
DID YOU SEE THE MAGNIFICENT TIE BUZZ IS WEARING? I GAVE IT TO HIM FOR HIS BIRTHDAY!
IT'S VERY NICE!
COME ON, BUZZY! THE MUSIC IS DIVINE!
WELL!

AND THE EVENING DRAGS ON...
WHY SO GLUM, CHUM?
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE, NANCY! HEDY HAS BEEN MONOPOLIZING BUZZ ALL EVENING! I PROBABLY WON'T BE ABLE TO GET TO HIM TO GIVE HIM THE GIFT!
JUST LEAVE THAT TO ME! COME ON!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
HOW ABOUT A BROOM DANCE, GANG? YOU KNOW-- WHEN THE MUSIC STOPS, YOU CHANGE PARTNERS!
LET'S TRY IT!
I DON'T LIKE IT!
OH, THAT WILL BE WONDERFUL!
GREAT IDEA!
O.K., PATSY, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN! WHEN THE MUSIC STOPS, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!
CERTAINLY I DO!
HERE WE GO!
SORRY, BROOM, WE WON'T BE TOGETHER VERY LONG!
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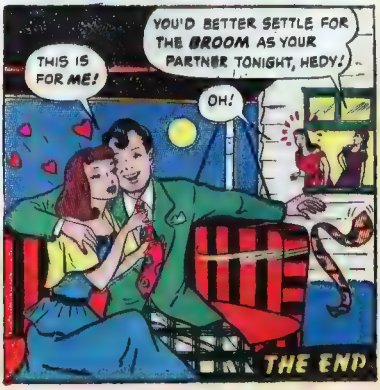
O.K.! CHANGE PARTNERS!
PATSY!

SORRY, HEDY, THAT'S THE GAME!
I DON'T LIKE IT!

GOSH, PATSY, I'M GLAD YOU COULD COME!
I AM, TOO, BUZZ! LET'S GO OUTSIDE BEFORE THE MUSIC STOPS AND I FIND MYSELF WITH THE BROOM, AGAIN!

WOW, PATSY, THIS IS KEEN!
I MADE IT MYSELF!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OH!
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STAMP NEWS

By KENT B. STILES

The new Postmaster General, Jesse M. Donaldson, is a stamp collector and this assures that the hobby of philately will receive understanding attention. A stamp-issuing program for 1948 has already been mapped out partly factual and partly tentative, as follows:

The new year's first item is a 3-cent purple released on Jan. 5 in honor of George Washington Carver, the Negro agricultural scientist who died in 1943.

On Jan. 24, 1848, gold was discovered in California, and a centenary commemorative stamp is promised.

A third postal piece definitely announced for 1948 is one with a portrait of Francis Scott Key, who in 1814 wrote the words of our national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner."

Congress recently enacted legislation directing the Post Office Department to issue a stamp honoring Gold Star mothers, and this will appear probably in 1948.

A few months hence the nation will observe the fiftieth anniversary of the start of the Spanish-American War, in 1898, and a bill introduced in the House of Representatives would authorize the issuing of a commemorative postal paper. In June will be celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the organizing of Theodore Roosevelt's "Rough Riders" of Spanish-American War fame, and a special stamp is being requested by friends of his surviving troopers, about one hundred.

This is Wisconsin's centennial year, as that State was admitted to the Union in 1848. The Post Office Department is expected to issue a Wisconsin commemorative.

A bill pending in Congress would direct the Postmaster General to print a stamp in memory of the late Fiorello H. La Guardia, a former New York City mayor.

In October may appear a stamp honoring Sequoyah, the half-blood Cherokee Indian who devised the Cherokee alphabet.

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WHAT'S THE MATTER? HAVEN'T YOU EVER SEEN GREEN SOAP BEFORE?
"POP'S ALL WET!"
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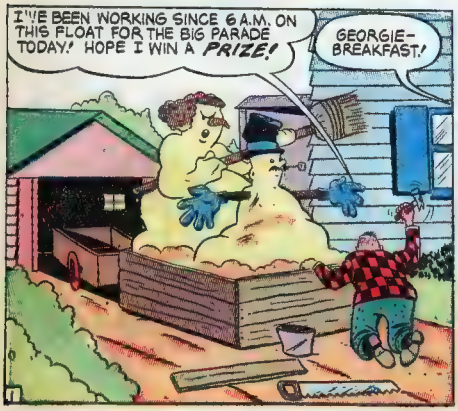
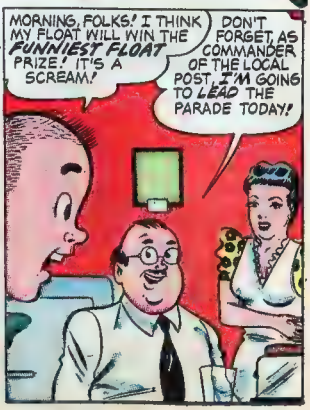
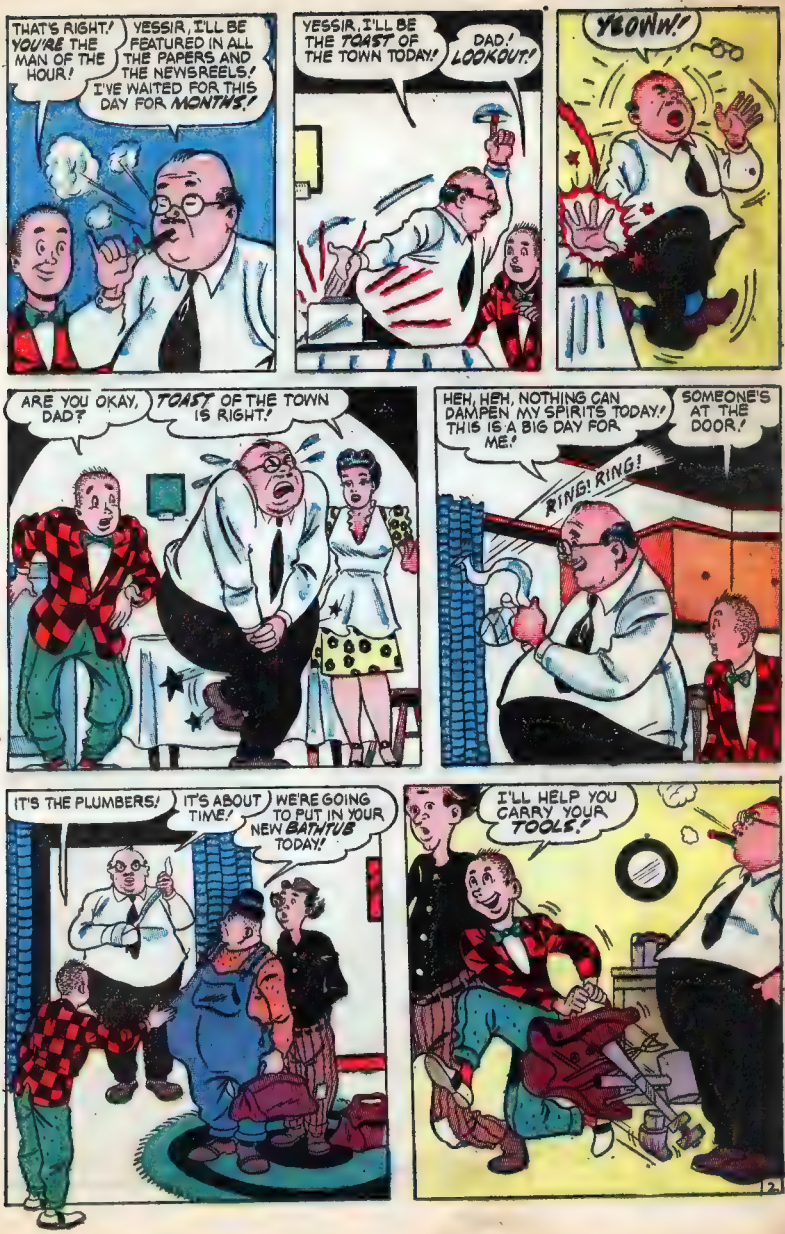

I'VE BEEN WORKING SINCE 6 A.M. ON THIS FLOAT FOR THE BIG PARADE TODAY! HOPE I WIN A PRIZE!
GEORGIE— BREAKFAST!


MORNING, FOLKS! I THINK MY FLOAT WILL WIN THE FUNNIEST FLOAT PRIZE! IT'S A SCREAM!
DON'T FORGET, AS COMMANDER OF THE LOCAL POST, I'M GOING TO LEAD THE PARADE TODAY!


THAT'S RIGHT! YOU'RE THE MAN OF THE HOUR!
YESSIR, I'LL BE FEATURED IN ALL THE PAPERS AND THE NEWSREELS! I'VE WAITED FOR THIS DAY FOR MONTHS!
YESSIR, I'LL BE THE TOAST OF THE TOWN TODAY!
DAD! LOOKOUT!
YEOWW!
ARE YOU OKAY, DAD?
TOAST OF THE TOWN IS RIGHT!
HEH, HEH, NOTHING CAN DAMPEN MY SPIRITS TODAY! THIS IS A BIG DAY FOR ME!
SOMEONE'S AT THE DOOR!
RING! RING!
IT'S THE PLUMBERS!
IT'S ABOUT TIME!
WE'RE GOING TO PUT IN YOUR NEW BATHTUB TODAY!
I'LL HELP YOU CARRY YOUR TOOLS!
2.

OWW!
THUD!
I'M SORRY, DAD! DID IT HURT?
NAW, I ENJOYED IT!
NATURALLY, YOU ARE JOSHING ARE YOU NOT, SIR?
THE BATH IS UPSTAIRS!
IT'S THE TILED ROOM, I SUPPOSE!
RODNEY! YOU'RE A GUEST IN THIS MAN'S HOUSE! DON'T BE NOSEY!
I'M GOING TO PICK UP MONTY AND JUDY TO HELP ME GET THE TRAILER.! SEE YOU LATER.!
IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO BE GETTING READY TOO, DEAR!
OKAY, I DON'T WANT TO DISAPPOINT THE CROWDS WHO ARE GATHERED TO WATCH ME LEAD THE PARADE.!
WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?
STAY FORTY FEET AWAY!
RODNEY! KEEP A CIVIL TONGUE INSIDE YOUR TEETH!
I'LL TRY MY UNIFORM ON TO SEE HOW IT FITS.!
FEW MINUTES LATER...
HOW DO I LOOK, BOYS?
WHAT ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE?
SEEMS TO ME WE FORGOT SOMETHING, RODNEY!
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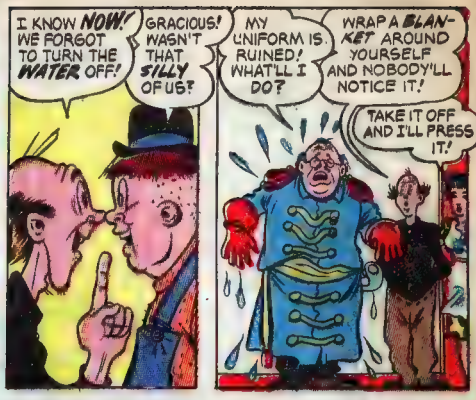
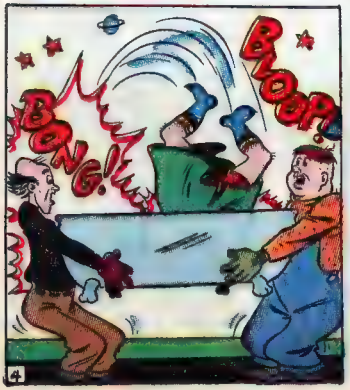
BLUB!
STROOSH!


I KNOW NOW! WE FORGOT TO TURN THE WATER OFF!
GRACIOUS! WASN'T THAT SILLY OF US?
MY UNIFORM IS RUINED! WHAT'LL I DO?
WRAP A BLANKET AROUND YOURSELF AND NOBODY'LL NOTICE IT!
TAKE IT OFF AND I'LL PRESS IT!

HA! HA! I WON'T LET A LITTLE THING LIKE THAT DAMPEN MY SPIRITS! NO, SIR! TODAY IS MY BIG DAY!

WE'LL TAKE THE OLD TUB OUT FIRST!
THAT IS ALWAYS A GOOD POLICY!

WHERE ARE MY SHOES? WHO TOOK MY SHOES?


BLOOP!
BONG!
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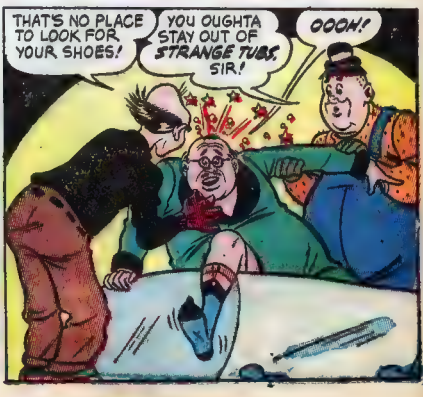
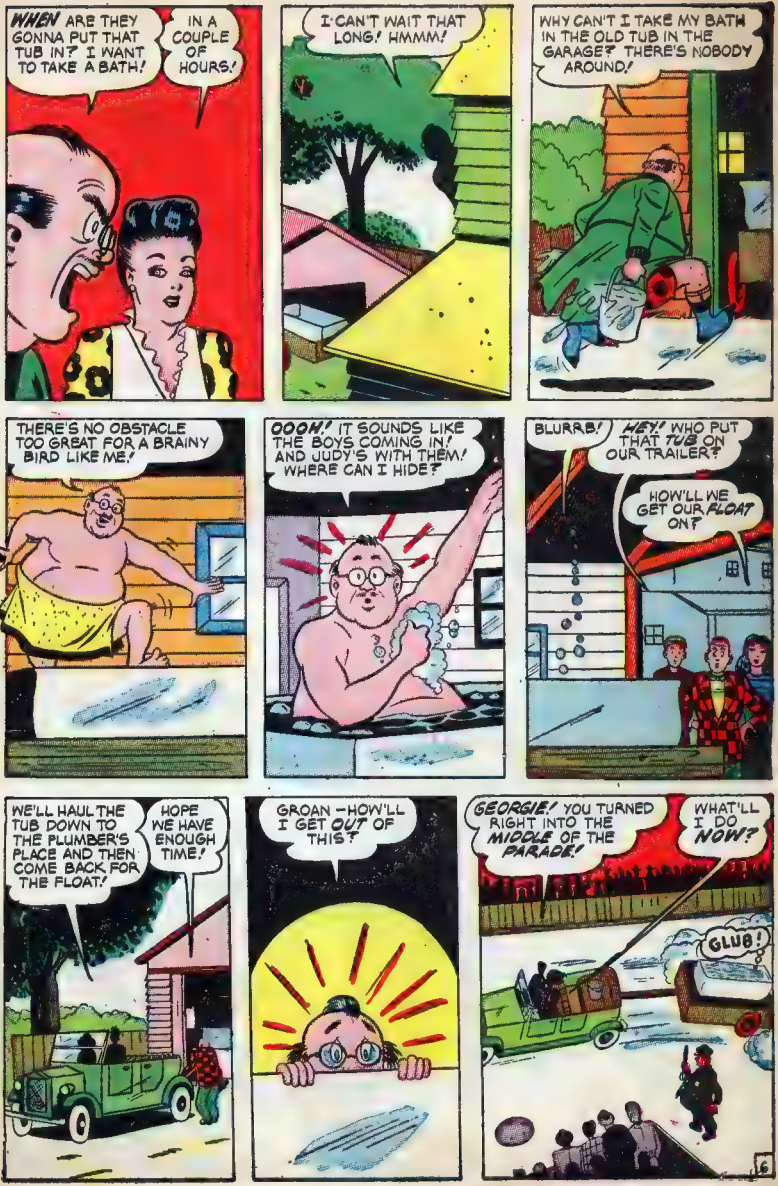
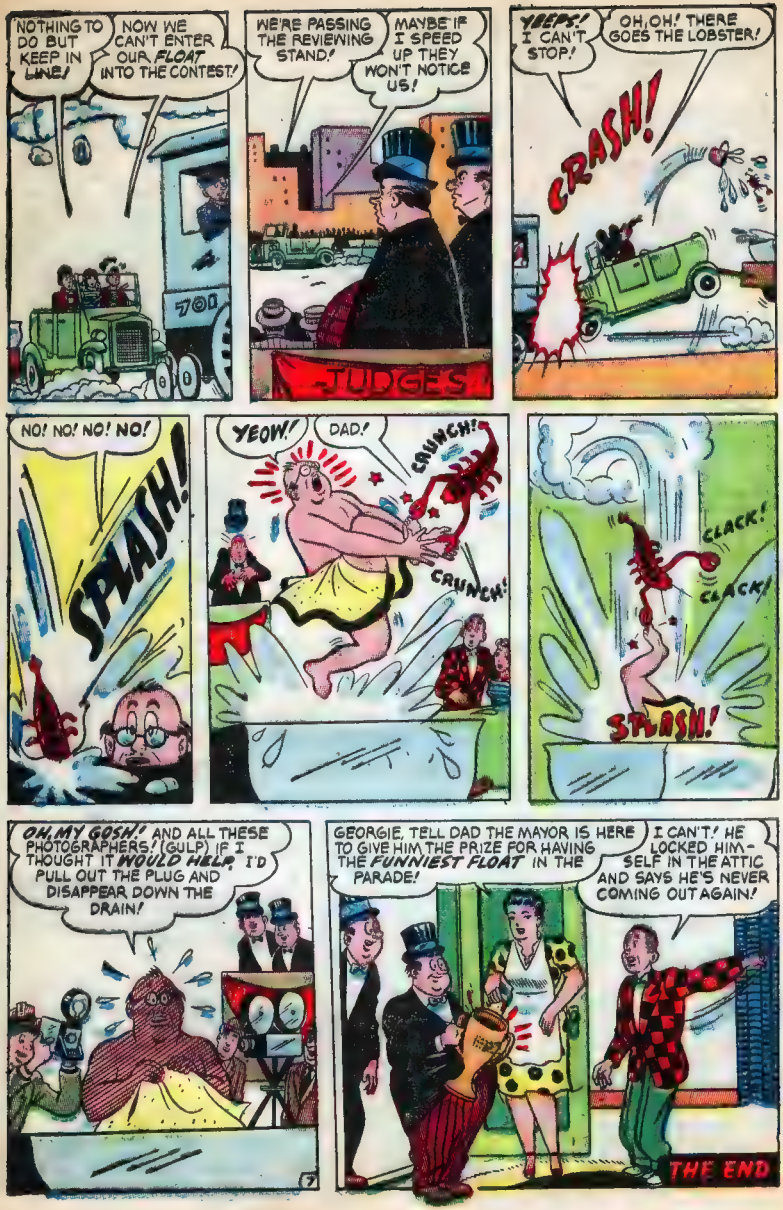

THAT'S NO PLACE TO LOOK FOR YOUR SHOES!
YOU OUGHTA STAY OUT OF STRANGE TUBS, SIR!
OOOH!

WE'LL DUMP HIM ON HIS BED!
EGAD! HE'S ALMOST AS HEAVY AS THE TUB!
WE'LL PUT THIS OUTSIDE WHERE IT'S SAFE!
WHAT AM I DOING IN BED? I'VE GOT TO GET READY! THIS IS A BIG DAY FOR ME!
LET'S PUT IT ON THIS TRAILER TILL WE'RE READY TO TAKE IT AWAY!
THE NEW TUB ISN'T THE RIGHT SIZE, LADY! WE'LL TAKE IT BACK AND GET ANOTHER!
ALL RIGHT!
HELLO, JUDY! WHATCHA GOT, MONTY?
A LOBSTER! IT FELL OFF A FISH WAGON!
HE'S TRYING TO FIND A HOME FOR IT!
I'LL PUT HIM IN THIS PAIL FOR NOW!
WE'LL HAVE TO HURRY IF WE WANT TO GET OUR FLOAT FINISHED IN TIME FOR THE BIG PARADE!
FUNNY, BUT I THINK I HEAR A LOUD ROAR SOMEPLACE!
MUST BE YOUR IMAGIN-ATION!
RRRR
YEOWWTCH!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
SSSS!
MY IMAGINATION JUST BURNT ME!
SSSS


WHEN ARE THEY GONNA PUT THAT TUB IN? I WANT TO TAKE A BATH!
IN A COUPLE OF HOURS!
I CAN'T WAIT THAT LONG! HMMM!
WHY CAN'T I TAKE MY BATH IN THE OLD TUB IN THE GARAGE? THERE'S NOBODY AROUND!
THERE'S NO OBSTACLE TOO GREAT FOR A BRAINY BIRD LIKE ME!
OOOH! IT SOUNDS LIKE THE BOYS COMING IN! AND JUDY'S WITH THEM! WHERE CAN I HIDE?
BLURRB!
HEY! WHO PUT THAT TUB ON OUR TRAILER?
HOW'LL WE GET OUR FLOAT ON?
WE'LL HAUL THE TUB DOWN TO THE PLUMBER'S PLACE AND THEN COME BACK FOR THE FLOAT!
HOPE WE HAVE ENOUGH TIME!
GROAN —HOW'LL I GET OUT OF THIS?
GEORGIE! YOU TURNED RIGHT INTO THE MIDDLE OF THE PARADE!
WHAT'LL I DO NOW?
GLUB!


NOTHING TO DO BUT KEEP IN LINE!
NOW WE CAN'T ENTER OUR FLOAT INTO THE CONTEST!
701
WE'RE PASSING THE REVIEWING STAND!
MAYBE IF I SPEED UP THEY WON'T NOTICE US!
JUDGES
YEEPS! I CAN'T STOP!
OH,OH! THERE GOES THE LOBSTER!
CRASH!
NO! NO! NO! NO!
SPLASH!
YEOW!
DAD!
CRUNCH!
CRUNCH!
CLACK!
CLACK!
SPLASH!
OH,MY GOSH! AND ALL THESE PHOTOGRAPHERS! (GULP) IF I THOUGHT IT WOULD HELP, I'D PULL OUT THE PLUG AND DISAPPEAR DOWN THE DRAIN!
7
GEORGIE, TELL DAD THE MAYOR IS HERE TO GIVE HIM THE PRIZE FOR HAVING THE FUNNIEST FLOAT IN THE PARADE!
I CAN'T! HE LOCKED HIMSELF IN THE ATTIC AND SAYS HE'S NEVER COMING OUT AGAIN!
THE END

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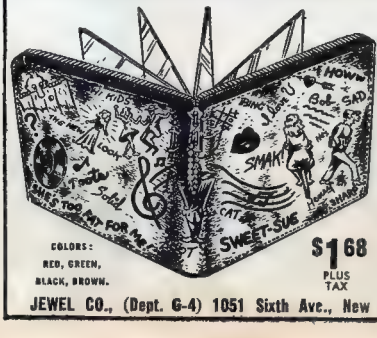

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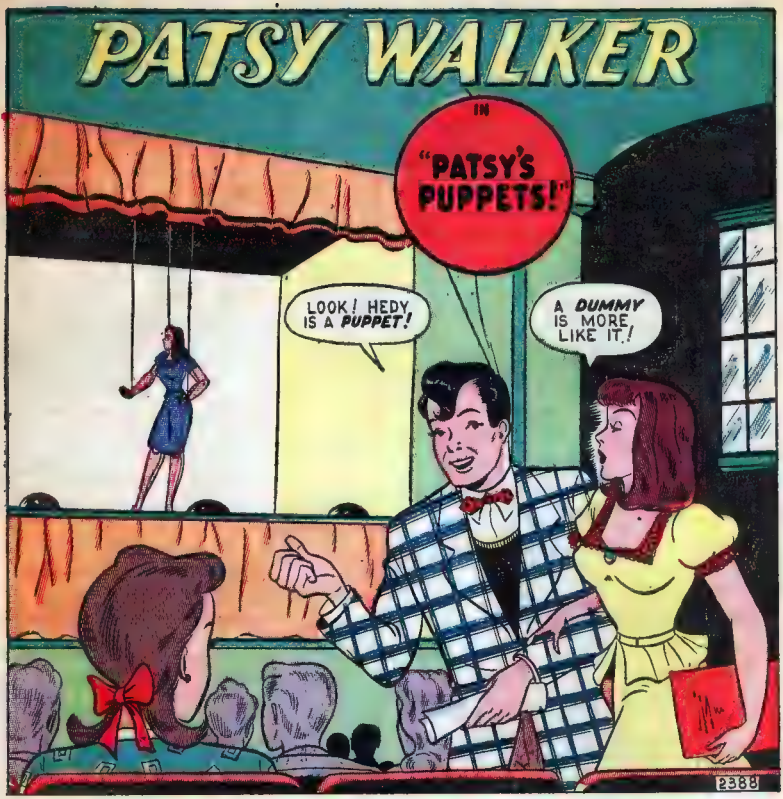
PATSY WALKER
IN
"PATSY'S PUPPETS!"
LOOK! HEDY IS A PUPPET!
A DUMMY IS MORE LIKE IT!
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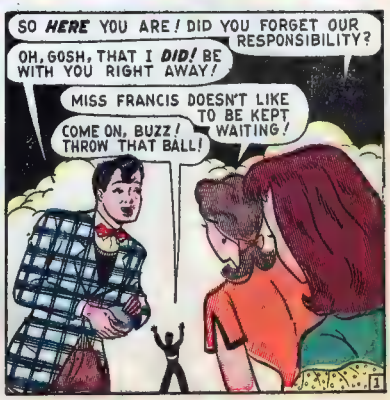
FINE THING! JUST THE AFTERNOON WE'RE SUPPOSED TO GET TOGETHER TO DISCUSS THE CLASS SHOW, BUZZ DOES A DISAPPEARING ACT!
HE DIDN'T DISAPPEAR VERY FAR! THERE HE IS!


SO HERE YOU ARE! DID YOU FORGET OUR RESPONSIBILITY?
OH, GOSH, THAT I DID! BE WITH YOU RIGHT AWAY!
MISS FRANCIS DOESN'T LIKE TO BE KEPT WAITING!
COME ON, BUZZ! THROW THAT BALL!

I UNDERSTAND HOW HARD IT IS FOR YOU TO TEAR YOURSELF AWAY, BUZZ, BUT I THINK MISS FRANCIS IS COUNTING ON YOUR HELP!
YES, BUZZ, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

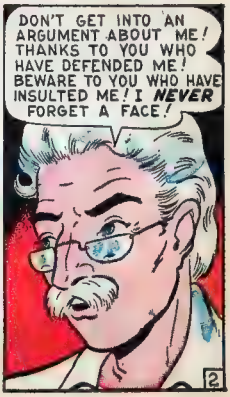
THERE YOU ARE, BUZZ! YOU'RE HOLDING UP THE COMMITTEE MEETING!
ALL OF A SUDDEN SUCH CLASS SPIRIT!
ANOTHER EMISSARY?

DON'T HURRY ON MY ACCOUNT, BUZZY BOY! I PREFER WATCHING YOU PLAY BALL!
SUCH GENEROSITY!

HUMPH! ONE WOULD IMAGINE THE CITY WOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT OLD VAGRANTS CLUTTERING UP THE PARK!

HEDY WOLFE! YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED! THIS HAPPENS TO BE A FREE COUNTRY! HE WASN'T BOTHERING ANYONE!
AND HE HAS AS MUCH RIGHT TO SIT HERE AS YOU HAVE!
WELL, I'LL BE---

I MIGHT KNOW THAT YOU'D BE STUPID ENOUGH NOT TO KNOW ANY BETTER! CENTERVILLE DOESN'T NEED OLD, LAZY INDIVIDUALS HANGING AROUND!
WHY, YOU!
LET ME AT HER!


DON'T GET INTO AN ARGUMENT ABOUT ME! THANKS TO YOU WHO HAVE DEFENDED ME! BEWARE TO YOU WHO HAVE INSULTED ME! I NEVER FORGET A FACE!
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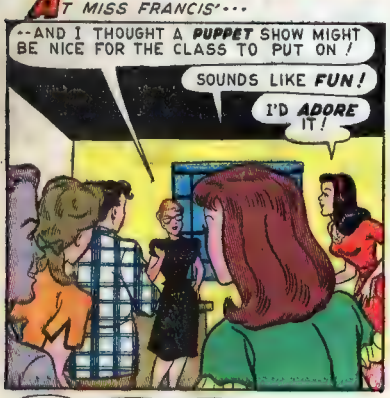
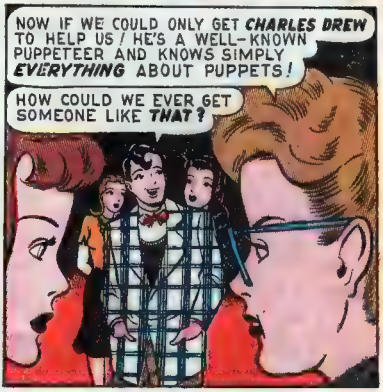
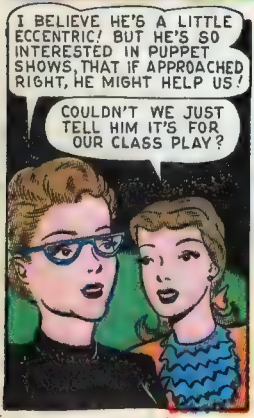
WELL! OF ALL THE NERVE! I'LL CERTAINLY FORGET HIS FACE!
MY!

HERE I AM! WE'D BETTER HURRY OVER TO MISS FRANCIS'!
IT'S ABOUT TIME!
YOU SEEM TO FORGET SHE'S ONLY OUR CLASS ADVISOR!
DON'T LISTEN TO THEM, BUZZ! THEY SEEM TO BE IN A FIGHTING MOOD!


AT MISS FRANCIS'...
--AND I THOUGHT A PUPPET SHOW MIGHT BE NICE FOR THE CLASS TO PUT ON!
SOUNDS LIKE FUN!
I'D ADORE IT!


NOW IF WE COULD ONLY GET CHARLES DREW TO HELP US! HE'S A WELL-KNOWN PUPPETEER AND KNOWS SIMPLY EVERYTHING ABOUT PUPPETS!
HOW COULD WE EVER GET SOMEONE LIKE THAT?


I BELIEVE HE'S A LITTLE ECCENTRIC! BUT HE'S SO INTERESTED IN PUPPET SHOWS, THAT IF APPROACHED RIGHT, HE MIGHT HELP US!
COULDN'T WE JUST TELL HIM IT'S FOR OUR CLASS PLAY?

I THINK PATSY AND NANCY HAVE THE KIND OF PERSONALITIES THAT MIGHT PERSUADE MR. DREW TO LEND A HAND!
OH, THANK YOU, MISS FRANCIS!
HOW ABOUT ME?

YOU CAN HELP THEM IF YOU WANT TO, HEDY!
JUST LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME, MISS FRANCIS! I CAN GET ANYTHING I WANT!
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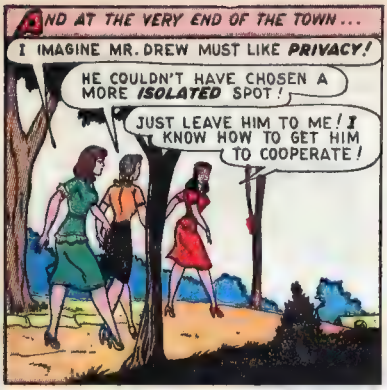
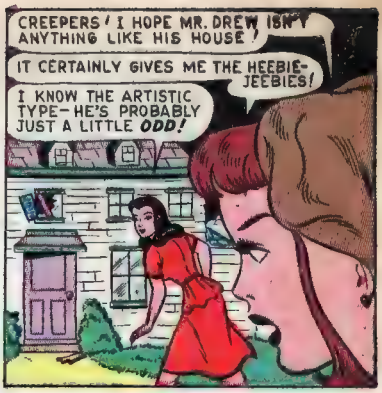

AND AT THE VERY END OF THE TOWN...
I IMAGINE MR. DREW MUST LIKE PRIVACY!
HE COULDN'T HAVE CHOSEN A MORE ISOLATED SPOT!
JUST LEAVE HIM TO ME! I KNOW HOW TO GET HIM TO COOPERATE!

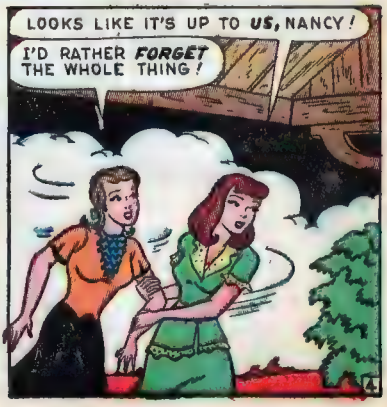

CREEPERS! I HOPE MR. DREW ISN'T ANYTHING LIKE HIS HOUSE!
IT CERTAINLY GIVES ME THE HEEBIE-JEEBIES!
I KNOW THE ARTISTIC TYPE—HE'S PROBABLY JUST A LITTLE ODD!

I WONDER HOW WE SHOULD ASK HIM?
I'LL SHOW YOU HOW IT SHOULD BE DONE! JUST WAIT OUT HERE! I'LL BET I'LL HAVE HIM BEGGING TO HELP US!

IT'S A LITTLE UNLIKE HEDY TO MAKE HERSELF SO HELPFUL! BRRRR---
IF I KNOW HEDY, SHE'S ONLY DOING IT TO SHOW US UP AND LET THE CLASS KNOW HOW CLEVER SHE IS!

HELLPPP!
SUDDENLY, HEDY RACES OUT OF THE HOUSE...

GOODNESS! WHAT HAPPENED?
GOLL-EE!

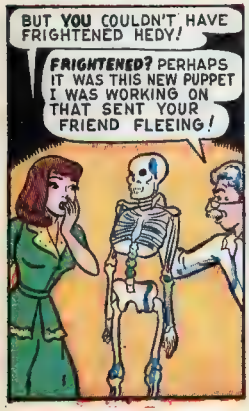

LOOKS LIKE IT'S UP TO US, NANCY!
I'D RATHER FORGET THE WHOLE THING!

I-I-I D-DON'T TH-THINK I L-LIKE TH-THIS!
NEITHER DO I! BUT MISS FRANCIS FEELS THAT MR. DREW CAN HELP!

OHHHH!
EEEEEEE!

AH, WELCOME, YOUNG LADIES! AND I MIGHT ADD VERY FEW ARE WELCOME IN MY WORKSHOP!

IT'S THE MAN FROM THE PARK!
AND HE MUST BE MR. DREW!
YOU'RE QUITE RIGHT! I AM ONE AND THE SAME!


BUT YOU COULDN'T HAVE FRIGHTENED HEDY!
FRIGHTENED? PERHAPS IT WAS THIS NEW PUPPET I WAS WORKING ON THAT SENT YOUR FRIEND FLEEING!

THERE ARE NO PERHAPSES ABOUT IT!
AND NOW, PRAY TELL ME, WHAT I CAN DO FOR YOU?
OUR CLASS ADVISOR SUGGESTED YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP WITH OUR PUPPET SHOW!

I HAVE NOT APPEARED BEFORE THE PUBLIC IN A LONG TIME, BUT THIS IS SOMETHING I SHOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO DO FOR YOU - PROVIDING THERE IS NO INTERFERENCE FROM ANYONE!
OH, THANK YOU!
MISS FRANCIS WILL BE ELATED!

THE DAY OF THE SHOW...
I'M SURE ANXIOUS TO SEE THIS! I BUILT SOME SETS, BUT I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE PLAY!
MR. DREW WAS CERTAINLY SECRETIVE ABOUT EVERYTHING!
DREW PUPPET SHOW

AND THE AUDIENCE IS IN FOR A SURPRISE...
DREW'S PUPPET S
IT'S PATSY!
IT'S NANCY!
HOW WONDERFUL!

OUT OF MY WAY, YOU TWO! I'M SUPERIOR TO EVERYONE!
AND THEN, THE NEXT PUPPET TO APPEAR IS NONE OTHER THAN...

OH, REALLY?
WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?
HA, HA! THAT'S OBVIOUS!

IS IT NOW? I THINK I CAN HELP YOU SOLVE THIS PROBLEM!
DREW'S PUPPET

JUST TAKE A LOOK IN HERE AND SEE HOW WRONG YOU ARE!
HUH?

WELL!
HA! HA!
IT'S FUNNY!
IT'S SO REAL!

OF ALL THE NERVE! I'M GOING TO PUT A STOP TO THIS!
ENTRANCE BACK STAGE
LET GO OF ME!
YOU CAN'T DO THIS!
STOP THAT, HEDY!
HEDY GETS AWAY...
OH, YES I CAN!
I'M GOING TO TEAR THOSE PUPPETS INTO SHREDS!
HELP!
WHAM!
BANG!
SLAM!
OUCH!
HELLPPP!
HA, HA, HA! THIS IS A LAUGH!
IT'S THE FUNNIEST THING I'VE EVER SEEN!
TWENTY MINUTES LATER ---
HEAVENS! HEDY'S EGO SURE TOOK A BEATING!
WHADDYA MEAN HER EGO! HER HEAD WILL ACHE FOR A WEEK!
AT LEAST IT WILL TEACH HER THAT AN OLD MAN WHO TAKES ADVANTAGE OF CITY PARKS ISN'T NECESSARILY A LAZY ONE!
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THE END

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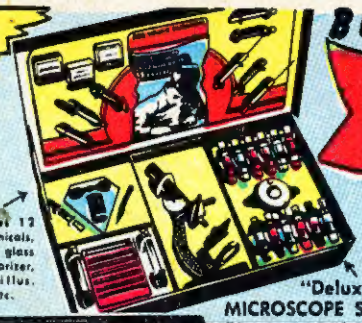

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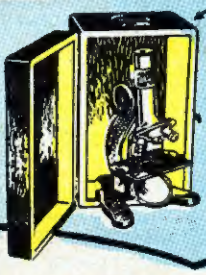

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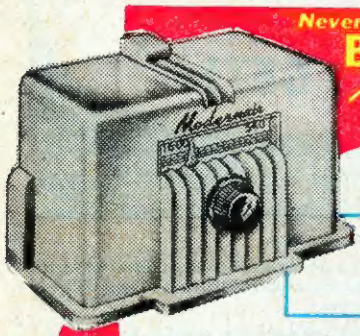

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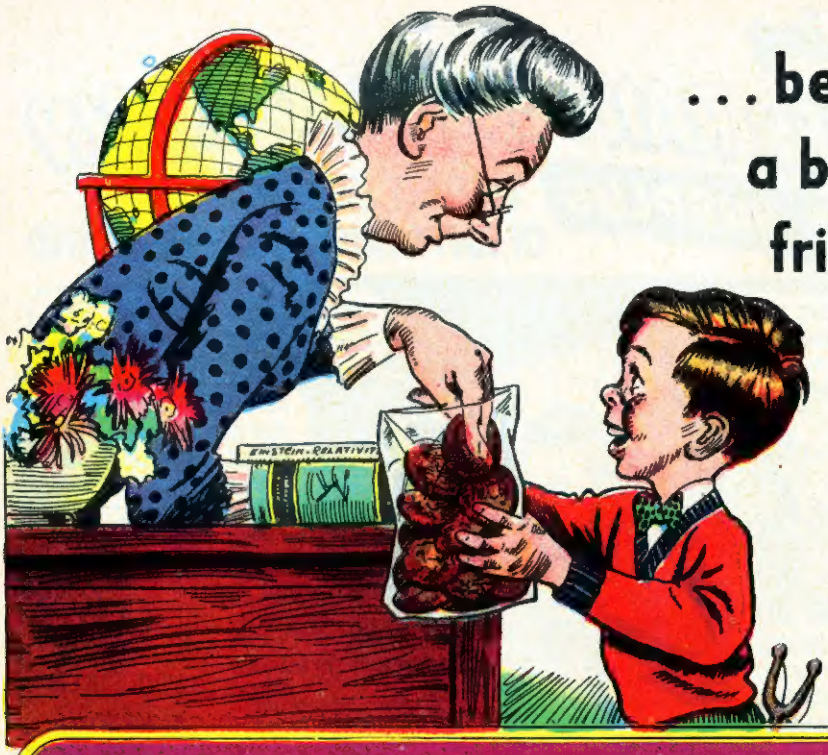

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